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DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Monkton Hotel is a brick structure of three storeys, nine mays in length, four in breadth. Its principal front faces south, on the village street; its principal end -- the west -- faces the railroad, opposite the station. A porch, now missing, once extended across the south front; four doors (originally), alternating with windows, opened on the porch in the first storey; one door gave access to the porch from the second storey.

The first two storeys are laid in an all-stretcher bond, but header courses appear in the third storey.

Windows are 6/6, and like the doors, have exposed plain wood lintels. All windows had shutters or blinds, but only a few paneled shutters remain, at the first storey windows; upper storey windows probably had louvred blinds.

Scrolled wood brackets support the wooden cornice; the brackets remain on the south front and west end only.

A two storey rear (north) wing, centered on the structure, is now missing. A modern, one storey concrete block wing approximates its original dimensions.

The principal stair, with its massive, turned walnut newel supporting a large round walnut rail, plain round balusters and scrolled step ends, rises to the third floor from a cross hall in the third bay from the east end. A secondary stair, with similar but simpler and smaller detailing, rises parallel to the rear wall, toward the west end. Connecting the two staircases, on each of the upper floors, is a narrow corridor, along which the guest rooms are arranged, approximately ten on the second floor and eleven on the third. Most rooms are but one bay in width, but corner rooms are larger, with two or three windows. Each door has, or had, a hinged transom, to provide cross ventilation. The first storey was probably devoted to the public rooms, and, perhaps, the proprietor's quarters.

Much original interior detailing remains; paneled doors are moulded in the first storey, unmoulded above, and many retain their original cast-iron rim locks and ceramic knobs; some architraves are beaded, with a simply-moulded backband; others are beaded, plain, with a similar frieze and cap moulding; a first storey mantel has large, plain pilasters supporting a similar frieze.

Designed primarily for summer usage, not all rooms are served by a chimney. The chimneys in the upper storeys are unadorned, being single flues for stoves.

The first two storeys have seen continuous use through the years, primarily as apartments, but the third storey has never been modernized; the doors retain their original graining, and the plastered walls, undoubtedly, retain their original pastel paint colors. In the third storey, one can accurately imagine the hotel's character in its heyday.

The unfinished cellar extends under the entire structure. A fireplace, apparently fitted for cooking, is in the east end. The north wing is said to have been the kitchen, however.

Many structural members are straight sawn, but lathing is circular sawn, attached with cut nails.

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James T. Wollon, Jr.

BALTIMORE COUNTY LANDMARKS PRESERVATION COMMISSION MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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By James T. Wollon, Jr., A.I.A. (1975)

The Monkton Hotel is a brick structure of three stories, nine bays in length, four in breadth. Its principal front faces south, on the village street; its principal end, the west, faces the railroad, opposite the station. A porch, now missing, once extended across the south front; four doors (originally), alternating with windows, opened on the porch in the first story; one door gave access to the porch from the second story.

The first two stories are laid in an all-stretcher bond, but header courses appear in the third story.

Windows are 6/6, and like the doors, have exposed plain-wood lintels. All windows had shutters or blinds, but only a few paneled shutters remain, at the first story windows; upper story windows probably had louvered blinds.

Scrolled wood brackets support the wooden cornice; the brackets remain on the south front and west end only.

A two-story rear (north) wing, centered on the structure, is now missing. A modern, one-story concrete block wing approximates its oriinal dimensions.

The principal stair, with its massive, turned-walnut newel supporting a large round walnut rail, plain round balusters, and scrolled step ends, rises to the third floor from a cross hall in the third bay from the east end. A secondary stair, with similar but simpler and smaller detailing, rises parallel to the rear wall, toward the west end. Connecting the two staircases, on each of the upper floors, is a narrow corridor, along which the guest rooms are arranged, approximately ten on the second floor and eleven on the third. Most rooms are but one bay in width, but corner rooms are larger, with two and three windows. Each door has, or had, a hinged transom, to provide cross ventilation. The first story was probably devoted to the public rooms and, perhaps, the proprietor's quarters.

Much original interior detailing remains; paneled doors are moulded in the first story, unmoulded above, and many retain their original castiron rim locks and ceramic knobs; some architraves are beaded, with a simply moulded backband; others are beaded, plain, with a similar frieze and cap moulding; a first-story mantel has large, plain pilasters supporting a similar frieze.

Designed primarily for summer usage, not all rooms are served by a chimney. The chimneys in the upper stories are unadorned, being single flues for stoves.

The first two stories have seen continuous use through the years, primarily as apartments, but the third story has never been modernized; the doors retain their original graining, and the plastered walls, unoubtedly, retain their original pastel paint colors. In the third story, one can accurately imagine the hostel's character in its heyday.

The unfinished cellar extends under the entire structure. A fireplace, apparently fitted for cooking, is in the east end. The north wing is said to have been the kitchen, however.

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Many structural members are straight sawn, but lathing is circular sawn, attached with cut nails.

Like several other buildings in and near the heart of Monkton, with simir detailing, the Hotel was probably built immediately after the Civil War.

Update 1978:

An extensive and very costly restoration program was undertaken in 1977-78 by owner, David H. Fulton. The brickwork has been repointed; cornices, window frames, and lintels repainted; and shutters added (black on upper stories, white on the first story).

Inside, the east end of the building has been converted into a residence for the owners, and office space has been laid out in the west end of the

building.

The upper stories have been turned into working space for artists. A one-piece glass skylight has been installed in the gable roof to illuminate the fourth story loft. The random-width flooring was being restored to the original polish. Transoms were being retained over the third floor hotel rooms.

In March 1978, a tall frame building survived northwest of the hotel on Monkton Road, presumably the 16 X 16 foot grain elevator listed as new in 1920 (1918 Tax Ledger). The Monkton Post Office continues in the cinder-block wing.

Monkton is a more open landscape now that a new bridge has been opened due west of the hotel. Before 1975, it was necessary to make a sharp left turn after passing the hotel and crossing the tracks. The new bridge and the paving over the abandoned tracks at the grade crossing make it much asier to pass through Monkton.—McGrain

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STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Nothing has been found to reveal the exact date for building the Monkton Hotel. Samuel Miller, the leading 19th Century businessman of Monkton, is usually credited with building it. Miller was on the patron list of the 1877 atlas and he listed his birthplace as York County, his profession as merchant, and his date of settlement in Baltimore County as 1844. Sidney's 1850 map shows "Trout and Miller's Store and Post Office" approximately where the present hotel stands, and the 1857 map by Taylor showed "Miller & Co. Store and P.O." The Sun, of June 1, 1861 (p. 1), reported that Samuel Miller's store had been pillaged by Union roops while their Baltimore-bound train was laying over at the Monkton station.

State business directories for a number of years-1866, 1871, 1880-neglect to list a hotel among the businesses and craftsmen tabulated under Monkton. However, the history of Monkton United Methodist Church, founded in 1870, shows that members had held services at Monkton Hotel prior to erecting a church and at the dedication, the Bentley Springs Masonic Lodge had gathered in the reception room of the Miller Hotel before marching up the hill to the ceremony.

The 1876 tax ledger of District 10 showed Miller as owner of seven buildings plus barn and shed, livestock, vehicles, implements, and stock-in-trade. He owned a gristmill (the present Manor Mill, MHT Site No. BA 117) and a total of 22 acres on My Lady's Manor. Entry No. 1 in the ledger was:

Building and Hotel \$5000.00 (1)

The next year (1877), the District 7 map in G. M. Hopkins' atlas showed the present building as "Hotel and Store," owned by Saml. Miller. From that point on, there is no doubt about the existence of a hotel on this spot east of the former Northern Central Railroad right-of-way. The atlas shows that Miller's home was the large brick house at 1915 Monkton Road (MHT Site No. BA 508).

Miller had acquired the ground under the hotel in 1849 (2), part of Lot 68 of My Lady's Manor, patented by Benjamin Meredith and kept in his family until Miller bought it. (3)

The railroad began to offer through service from Baltimore to York n 1838, and the hotel site, facing the tracks and opposite the depot, was an ideal location for some enterprise, and we must assume that Samuel Miller was operating a small business from his arrival here in 1844. He possibly built some sort of a store after acquiring land in 1849. Architect James T. Wollon is of the opinion that the hotel building dates to

the post-Civil War era. Certainly there were many prosperous and leisured people able to spend summers in the country following that conflict. Durg the 1977-78 restoration, the workmen told the owner that they thought Le part of the building nearest the tracks was older than the rest of the building. Between tourist seasons, the hotel catered to traveling salesmen and drummers—their numbers limited by the number of rooms equipped with fireplaces.

The 1896 Tax Ledger of District 10 showed that the hotel and numerous other buildings comprised the estate of Samuel Miller. His holdings included the entire town: six dwellings, a railroad office, warehouse, blacksmith shop, barn, brick springhouse, stable, carriage house, icehouse, and

mill. The notel was not described as such, being merely:

Large Brick Dwelling House \$3,000.00 (4)

The 1911 Tax Ledger still carried the houses and mill as Samuel Miller's Estate (5). Following a family lawsuit in 1917, a court order was issued to sell the property. The hotel property was advertised as Lot 8, including:

A large brick store and dwelling combined. (6)

William T. Bosley, a witness in the case, testified that he had known the property for more than forty years—in short, his memory would have taken him back to 1877 and before. At the auction, a family member, Edna E. Miller was highest bidder. Her husband, S. Elmer Miller was charged with the property in the 1918 tax list. The "hotel and store" then meaured in its various wings:

35 X 72 and 23 X 26. (7)

After Samuel Miller's death, it had been mentioned in the Baltimore County Union sometime in 1905 that C. L. Sheeler was operating the 30-room hotel at Monkton. Bertram C. Phelps recalled in 1977 that he had been a guest there in 1908 at the age of six:

> He remembers that the entire front part of the first floor was a general store behind which was Mr. Sheeler's residence and a dining room for the hotel's guests.

"In those days, salesmen from Baltimore and Harrisburg who came in on the railroad would put up there," reminisces Mr. Phelps. "They'd get a horse and buggy and go to nearby towns and villages."

Mr. Phelps recalls the tavern in the basement of the building, but remembers no loud or rowdy merriment such as reputedly characterized the Cockeysville Hotel. (8)

The hotel closed up about 1915, and from 1917 until 1956, Lee Bishop rented the building and operated the store, selling post and rail fences, firewood, and coal. His wife was postmistress. Robert Curly ran the store from 1956 to 1958. Actual ownership of the building changed hands in 1934, when the Millers (S. Elmer and wife) sold to Dr. Charles C. Ayres of Harford County. (9)

In 1958, Landon Reeve bought the building and succeeded as postmaster. His general store was only able to compete with supermarkets for two years. 1960, he rented out apartments in the building. In 1972, Reeve moved next door and sold the large building to William F. Marlow, Jr. and William F. C. Marlow, Sr. (10) The southwest of the building was remodeled into the Marlow real estate office. In 1977, the present owners, David H. and Jean Oles Fulton acquired the property and began the ambitious restoration described under Item 7.

(Note: Monkton has had a post office since 1848, when the first establishment was called Monkton Mills.)

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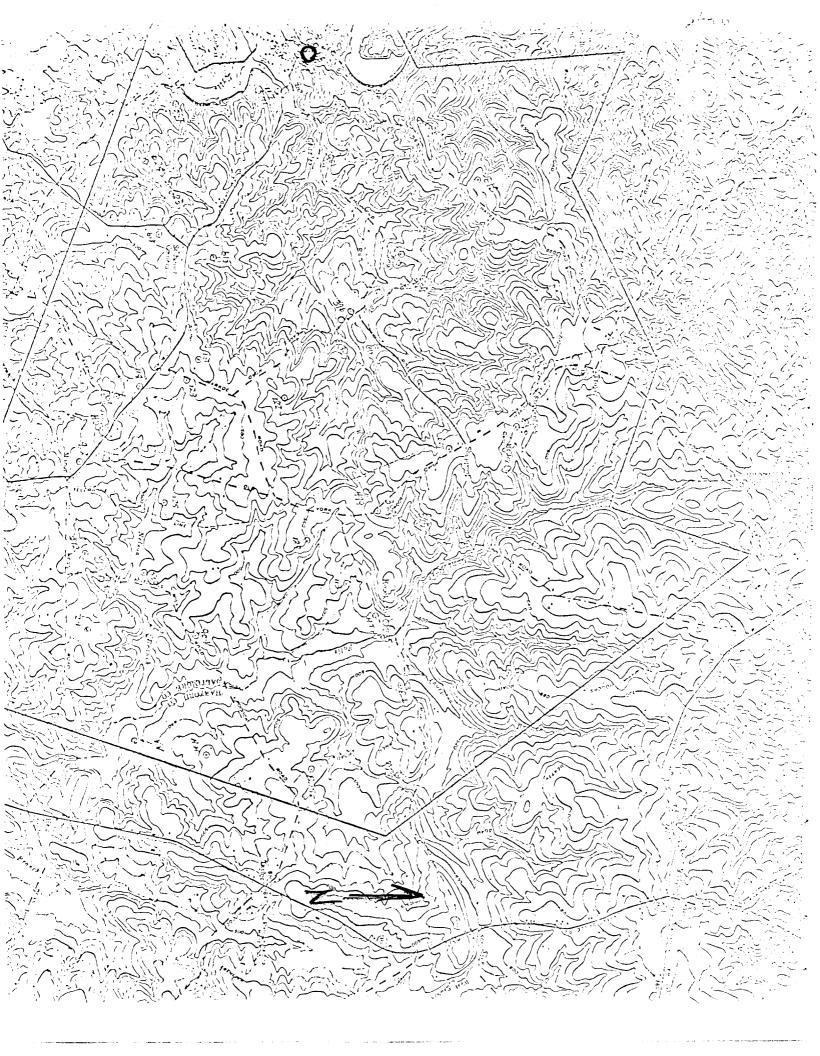
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